## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## **DECLARATION**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office address and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled IMPROVED SYNTHETON SYNTHESIS, International Patent Application Serial No. PCT/US2003/30869 filed on 30 September, 2003.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specifications, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to in this oath or declaration.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to us which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119 of any provisional application filed in the United States in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §119(e), or any application for patent that has been converted to a provisional application within one (1) year of its filing date, or any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me/us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

Application No.	<u>Country</u>	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
60/415,672	US	October 3, 2002	Yes
PCT/US2003/30869	US	September 30, 2003	Yes

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any prior United States application(s) or PCT International applications designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application

identified below and the national or PCT international filing date of this application identified below:

## None

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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